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In response to the restriction requirement mailed September 18, 2002, applicant elects, without traverse, Group II (claims 10-37), drawn to a mold for molding a plate, classified in class 425, subclass 112. Applicant cancels the remaining claims of Group I (Claims 1-9), drawn to a process for molding a plate, classified in class, 264, subclass 105, without prejudice or disclaimer and reserves the right to reintroduce them in one or more divisional applications at a later date.

CONCLUSION

The Examiner is invited to contact the below signed attorney if there are any questions regarding this response or if prosecution of this application may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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